

REMARKS

The following claims are pending in the application: 1 – 60

The following claims have been amended: Not applicable

The following claims have been deleted: 11 – 60

The following claims have been added: Not applicable

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, the following claims remain pending in the application: 1 - 10

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required that the present application be restricted to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1 – 10, drawn to a composition of matter comprising a polymer, classified in class 528, subclass 423;
- II. Claims 11 – 22, drawn to a composition of matter comprising a different polymer, classified in class 528, subclass 423;
- III. Claims 23 – 25, 41 – 43, and 44 – 46, drawn to a composition of matter comprising an oligomer, a block polymer, classified in class 525, subclass 88;
- IV. Claims 26 – 30, 47 – 51, and 52 – 56, drawn to a composition of matter comprising a different oligomer, and a different block copolymer, classified in class 525, subclass 88;

- V. Claims 31 – 33, 57 – 59 and 60, drawn to a composition of matter comprising an oligomer, a block copolymer containing no nitrogen in the ring, classified in class 525, subclass 88; and
- VI. Claims 34 – 40, drawn to a composition of matter comprising an oligomer, classified in class 528, subclass 423.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Invention I comprising claims 1 through 10. Applicants respectfully submit that the division of the application into six distinct inventions is inappropriate as "inventions" I, II, and VI are in the same subclass and therefore could be efficiently searched at the same time. Similarly, "inventions" III, IV, and V are in the same subclass and could be efficiently searched simultaneously. Should the Examiner agree that the application should only be separated into the two groupings defined above; Applicants respectfully elect Invention 1 (comprising claims 1 – 22, and 34 – 40). In case the Examiner affirms his division of the application; Applicants have cancelled claims 11 through 60 without prejudice thereby maintaining their right to pursue the inventions therein through one or more divisional applications as necessary.

#### Headings in the Claims

Applicants have cancelled various headings present throughout the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and accompanying remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is properly in condition for allowance and may be passed to issuance upon payment of the appropriate fees.

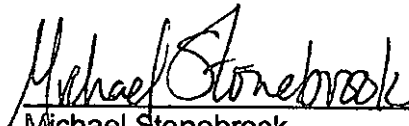
Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the subject application is respectfully encouraged.

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